

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1076 without my signature.

I strongly support the author's intent to recognize the contributions of the Filipinos during World War II. Accordingly, I issued a proclamation on October 19, 2005 recognizing the contributions of Filipinos during World War II and proclaimed October 20 as Filipino-American Veterans Day. In addition, I sent a letter to the State Board of Education recommending that they encourage instruction on World War II to include a component which focuses on the courage and sacrifices of the Filipino people and their soldiers during World War II.

However, I have vetoed nearly identical bills in the last two year and I continue to believe that current law already provides the necessary flexibility for schools to incorporate this topic in their social science instruction and that the State should refrain from legislating the details of school curriculum. Because school districts may provide instruction on any topic not expressly prohibited by the Education Code, the authorization provided by this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger